

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GEORGE THOMAS VERNON,

Plaintiff,

-against-

GHISLAINE MAXWELL; JEFFREY
EPSTEIN,

Defendants.

1:20-CV-6928 (CM)

ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF FEES
OR IFP APPLICATION

COLLEEN McMAHON, Chief United States District Judge:

Plaintiff brings this action *pro se*. To proceed with a civil action in this Court, a plaintiff must either pay \$400.00 in fees – a \$350.00 filing fee plus a \$50.00 administrative fee – or, to request authorization to proceed without prepayment of fees, submit a signed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) application. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914, 1915.

Plaintiff submitted the complaint without the relevant fees or an IFP application. Within thirty days of the date of this order, Plaintiff must either pay the \$400.00 in fees or complete and submit the attached IFP application. If Plaintiff submits the IFP application, it should be labeled with docket number 1:20-CV-6928 (CM). If the Court grants the IFP application, Plaintiff will be permitted to proceed without prepayment of fees. *See* § 1915(a)(1).

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff and note service on the docket. No summons shall issue at this time. If Plaintiff complies with this order, the action shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk’s Office. If Plaintiff fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore IFP status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf.*

Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 10, 2020
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen McMahon", written over a horizontal line.

COLLEEN McMAHON
Chief United States District Judge